

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 448 - SB 551

February 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004149): Requires a governing body to reserve a period for public comment for each public meeting of such body. Authorizes a governing body to place reasonable restrictions on the period for public comment and to require a person desiring to provide comments at a meeting to give advanced notice. Requires a notice for a public meeting to indicate the manner in which a person may indicate the person's desire to provide public comment at the meeting.

Excludes from the proposed requirements certain disciplinary hearings and meetings with agendas that have no actionable items.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Requiring a governing body to reserve a period for public comment at public meetings will result in no significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-103, any such governmental body which holds a public meeting shall give adequate public notice of such meeting.
- Requiring additional information in a public notice will not result in any impact to state or local government expenditures.
- Excluding certain meetings of a governing body from the proposed requirements will have no significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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